

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A system for automatically summarizing company innovations, the system using intelligent agents to automatically perform searches on the Internet to find competing or encroaching ideas, the system generating reports which list potential competitive strengths or weaknesses.
2. A system that provides instant access to the usage pattern for any company employee who has viewed corporate secrets, whereby the company can quickly generate and show the employee a listing of all confidential materials accessed and/or printed.
3. The system of Claim 1 further comprising a query engine to determine and reprot some or all of the ideas that an individual has submitted over a selected time period.
4. The system of Claim 4 further wherein employee performance, overall corporate innovation levels, and qualified and motivated employees are measured and dteremined in accordance with the innovations entered by employees into the system.
5. The system of Claim 1 further wherein the employee enters hours spent, along with other resources that contributed to the innovation, so that IP assets can be assigned tangible values and tracked on the company's balance sheet.
6. A system for streamlining the process of creating, preserving and protecting proprietary assets, wherein the system identifies, classifies, compiles, tracks and routes real-time data automatically on a continuous basis, and provides instant access to stored database information, such as trade secret archives, patent filings, computed valuations, user information and a variety of detailed reports, further wherein an employee has instant access to her latest innovations and proprietary materials, and constant supervision over them.
7. The system of Claim 1 further wherein employees enter their intellectual creations (documents, ideas, schematics, etc.) and receive an immediate, time/date certification therefor.
8. The system of Claim 7, further wherein the employee can link more details on each submission, and other users can email comments and suggestions directly to the author, or optionally submit their own improvements as a new or supplemental innovation.